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David Bates

60 Fox Hill Drive , Bridgewater, MA 02324

November 1, 2005 1:26 PM

Senator Edward Kennedy
U.S. Senate
315 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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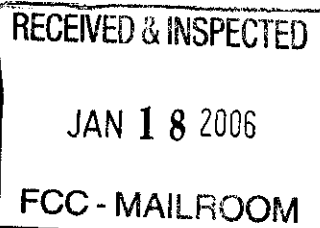
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Sandra Simpson

540 Clark st #4 , Waverly, NY 14892

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Senator Hillary Clinton
U.S. Senate
476 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Betty Lewis

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Senator John McCain
U.S. Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Diane Chrzanowski

2205 Teggerdine Road , White Lake, MI 48386-1757

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Senator Carl Levin
U.S. Senate
269 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Diane Allred

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Senator Patty Murray
U.S. Senate
173 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Roseann DeLuca

6 Hamilton Avenue , Auburn, NY 13021

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U.S. Senate
476 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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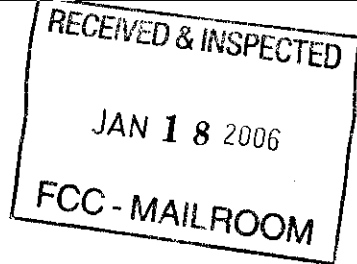
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Joseph Janosov

423 Homer Ave., Pacific, WA 98047-1455

November 1, 2005 1:15 PM

Senator Maria Cantwell
U.S. Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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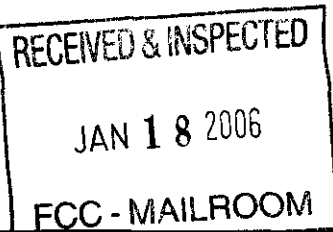
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Doris Bloomer

1237 Hwy 178W , Midway, AR 72651-9366

November 1, 2005 2:16 PM

Senator Mark Pryor
U.S. Senate
257 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Audrey Purvis

415 W. State St. , Kokomo, IN 46902

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Senator Richard Lugar
U.S. Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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N3116 School Street , Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

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U.S. Senate
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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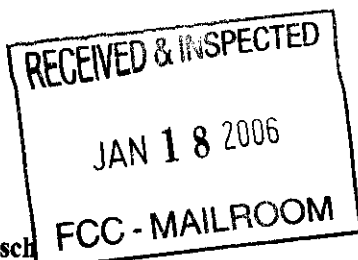
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U.S. House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

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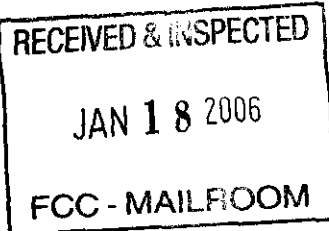
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Julie Miller

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November 1, 2005 1:50 PM

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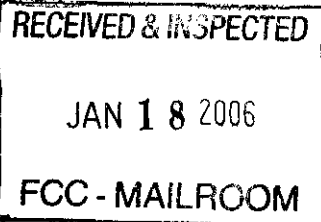
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Andrew Grover

26 N Race St , Greenville, PA 16125

November 1, 2005 2:03 PM

Senator Rick Santorum
U.S. Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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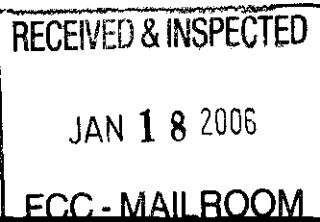
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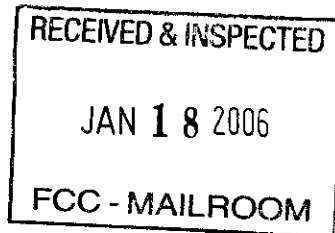
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David Carstens

PO Box 30957, Portland, OR 97294-3957

November 1, 2005 1:30 PM

Representative Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

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Representative Henry Waxman
U.S. House of Representatives
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Bill Burns

121 W Washington , Carter, OK 73627-0012

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Senator James Inhofe
U.S. Senate
453 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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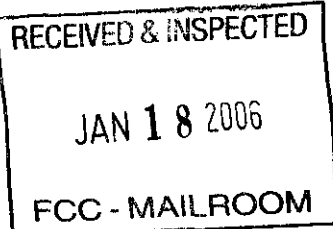
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Alfred Deleel

108 Bilow Rd. , Richville, NY 13681

November 1, 2005 2:18 PM

Senator Charles Schumer
U.S. Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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November 1, 2005 1:30 PM

Senator John McCain
U.S. Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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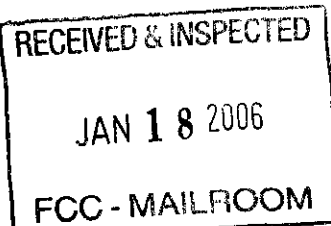
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George Nast

44 ShakeRag St. , Mineral Point, WI 53565

November 1, 2005 1:22 PM

Senator Herb Kohl
U.S. Senate
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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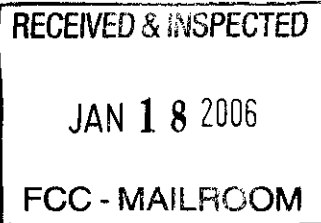
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James Brink

269 Logtown Rd , Port Jervis, NY 12771

November 1, 2005 1:23 PM

Representative Sue Kelly
U.S. House of Representatives
2182 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515-0001

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